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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 4, 2007, as the 50th anniversary of space flight and supporting the nation's Vision for Space Exploration.

WHEREAS, October 4, 2007, the 50th anniversary of space flight, is a monumental event in the history of our state, nation, and world, and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in space and in this state, and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, this state has been the world's premier spaceport for human exploration and commerce in space, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this state retain its status as the world's premier spaceport, and

WHEREAS, the space industry has a direct economic influence in this state amounting to billions of dollars annually and generates tens of thousands of high-paying jobs throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of explorers and has led the world in exploring outer space, and

WHEREAS, space exploration benefits all humankind by fostering the development of new technologies for everyday and commercial use, by creating new high-technology jobs that make valuable contributions to the economy, and by improving the quality of life around the world, and

WHEREAS, the national Vision for Space Exploration is a new strategy in charting a course to explore destinations across the

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30 solar system, provide the nation with a competitive edge in
31 worldwide space commerce, and enhance national security, and

32 WHEREAS, the Vision for Space Exploration, continuing a
33 course that was born in this state and includes 50 years of
34 launches viewed by millions of people, includes plans for new
35 space shuttle missions that will complete construction of the
36 international space station, return humans to the moon, and
37 extend humankind's presence to Mars and beyond, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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41 That the Florida Senate recognizes October 4, 2007, as the
42 50th anniversary of space flight and wholeheartedly supports the
43 nation's Vision for Space Exploration.